

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a second restriction requirement further requiring Applicants to elect one of the following two inventions:

Group I: Claims 12-14, 27-33, and 40-41; and

Group II: Claims 21-23, 27-23, and 40-41.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.142, Applicants elect Group II, Claims 21-23, 27-33 and 40-41, without traverse. Accordingly, claims 1-20, 24-26, 34-39 and 42-50 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 27 and 28 are amended.

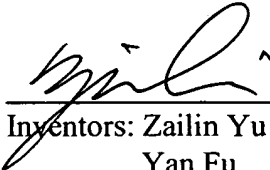
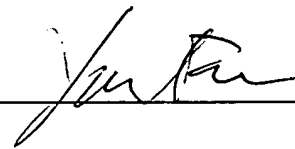
Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121 Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions during the pendency of the present application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants earnestly believe that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully solicit the Examiner to expedite prosecution of this patent application to issuance. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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